



## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Gerhard GUMPOLTSBERGER  
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For : MULTI-STAGE TRANSMISSION  
Group Art Unit : 3681  
Examiner : Tisha D. LEWIS  
Docket : ZAHFRI P596US

The Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed May 31, 2005, the Applicant petitions for a two (2) month extension of term, attached hereto, thereby extending the term for response to and including **August 31, 2005**. Please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

[XXX] A check for the fees indicated below, based upon the Applicant's large entity status, accompanies this response.	
PETITION FOR TWO (2) MONTH EXTENSION OF TERM	\$450
TOTAL	\$450

This response is being filed in reply to the official action mailed May 31, 2005. In that action, the Examiner required an election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following alleged patentably distinct species of the invention:

- I. Figure 1;
- II. Figure 2; or
- III. Figure 3.

In order to fulfill the Examiner's request, the Applicant elects to prosecute the species of the claimed invention shown in Figure 1 of the drawings. The Applicant also elects claims 26 and 29-51, which are believed to be readable on the elected species, to be prosecuted on the merits.

The Applicant does not waive any rights with respect to the non-elected species and does not intend to abandon that subject matter. If the Examiner makes the election requirement final, the Applicant respectfully requests that the non-elected species be withdrawn

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from further consideration but remain in this application subject to reinstatement, in the event that a generic claim is allowed, or for possible filing of a divisional application(s).

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Bujold", written in a cursive style.

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